

FAMILY OF INCIDENCE RESPONSE

DESCRIPTION

The Family of Incidence Response Systems (FIRS) consists of equipment, systems, and services designed to provide federal, state, and local incident response forces the capabilities they need to effectively respond to a terrorist attack using chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and high-yield explosives. FIRS is a “roll-up” program that fields over 65 technologies to USMC Chemical Biological Incident Response Force (CBIRF) and Marine Expeditionary Units.

OPERATIONAL IMPACT

The FIRS provides primarily commercial-off-the-shelf technologies to meet the operational needs of Marine Corps responder forces. This commercial equipment is used in major cities’ Hazardous Material Units in the same operational environment that the 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade

(Anti-Terrorism) and the CBIRF will operate, and employs the same equipment as the MEUs’ Enhanced MEU NBC Capability Sets. Support for FIRS equipment is performed through a contractor logistics support arrangement.

PROGRAM STATUS

The FIRS program maintains an aggressive market research program to monitor commercial development. The market research program ensures that the CBIRF and the MEUs are provided leading edge technologies for operational readiness. In conjunction with the CBIRF, the FIRS program office invites vendors to display their technologies at the CBIRF on scheduled Technology Demonstration days that are focused on the operational mission of the CBIRF. The FIRS office also manages the contractor logistics support that provides critical technical and operational training to the CBIRF and the MEUs.

PROCUREMENT PROFILE:

Quantity:

FY 04

Various

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Various

DEVELOPER/MANUFACTURER

Contractor logistics support prime vendor: Battelle Memorial Institute, Columbus, OH and Stafford, VA
Equipment manufacturers throughout the United States